

learn about SCIFA

In 2005, South Carolina Injury Free Alliance (SCIFA) was implemented through Part A of the Public Health Injury Surveillance Prevention Program (PHISPP) funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in an effort to strengthen the existing infrastructure of injury prevention programs and data collection. The PHISPP is housed within the Division of Injury and Violence Prevention located within the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

State and local level organizations have joined in partnership to develop SCIFA to:

- advocate, market, and promote injury and violence prevention programs and injury surveillance operations;
- share injury and violence data and reports; and
- utilize each member's expertise and area of concentration to enhance injury and violence prevention efforts in the state.

SCIFA is an active forum for addressing advocacy, coordination, and promotion of sustainable resources for injury and violence prevention programs and injury surveillance operations



**Your input can
make a difference**
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for meeting dates
and locations.**

at the state and local levels. SCIFA recently developed a comprehensive injury prevention state plan to outline current and proposed prevention strategies and activities that address major injury and violence issues. Members of SCIFA identify and prioritize injury and violence issues and prevention opportunities by utilizing current injury surveillance data and including partner perspectives in developing prevention strategies.

vision & mission

Our vision is to be the leading state in the country unifying all entities in Injury and Violence Prevention (IVP) through a concerted effort, engaging multiple disciplines to holistically resolve IVP issues.

Our mission is to reduce the occurrence and impact of injury and violence through the collective effort of key South Carolina stakeholders.



according to 2007 injury surveillance data

- Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for South Carolinians ages 1 to 44 and the fourth leading cause of death in the general population of the state;
- There are 23,430 hospital admissions (HA) and 386,386 emergency department (ED) visits due to injuries; and
- The total cost of injuries in South Carolina is approximately \$1.5 billion annually.

injury prevention state plan

Priority issues addressed:

- Unintentional Poisoning
- Falls Among Older Adults
- Child Maltreatment
- Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries
- Sexual Violence
- Residential Fire
- Child Passenger Safety
- Suicide

representation from several organizations

- Brain Injury Association of South Carolina
- Children's Trust / Safe Kids Coalitions
- Department of Disability and Special Needs
- Department of Health and Environmental Control
- Lt. Governor's Office of Aging
- Medical University of S.C.
- Office of Research & Statistics
- Palmetto Poison Center
- Richland One Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools
- S.C. Association of School Nurses
- S.C. Spinal Cord Injury Association
- Palmetto Cycling Coalition
- Palmetto Low Country Behavioral Health



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